

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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City of Mount Vernon Finance Department receives the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence from the Government Finance Officers Association.

MOUNT VERNON – The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Mount Vernon by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFR) for the year ended December 31, 2012. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the Finance Department and the individuals, designated by the City as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to:

Alicia D. Huschka, Finance Director Rebecca Wade, Accounting Staff Mike Weber, Financial Analyst

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "Spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, D.C.

Mayor Jill Boudreau said "Finance Director Alicia Huschka and her staff continue to excel and be properly recognized in all aspects of operating the City of Mount Vernon's Finance Department. It's very reassuring to our residents and business owners to know that our Finance Department has received this award for seven consecutive years and fourteen years overall."

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